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IN RE APPLICATION OF: ALEXANDRE A.N. BAPTISTA
 APPLICATION No.: 10/789,456
 FILED: FEBRUARY 26, 2004
 FOR: **VACUUM PACKAGING APPLIANCE WITH
 VACUUM SIDE CHANNEL LATCHES**

EXAMINER: HARMON, CHRISTOPHER R.
 ART UNIT: 3721
 CONF. NO: 5171
 ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
 37469-8013.US01

Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
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**TRANSMITTAL FOR AMENDMENT AND
 RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith are the following:

- This Transmittal;
- Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement; and
- Return postcard.

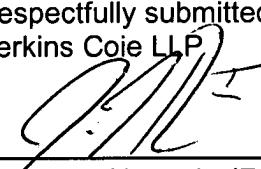
2. Extension of Time:

- Applicants request a one month extension of time.

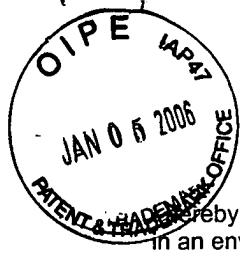
3. Fee Authorization

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 9, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.